

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 23 as follows:

In order to reduce the level of aerodynamic noise, a technique has been already proposed which, by means of the formation in a saw-tooth shape of at least one side edge of a pair of side edges in each of the blades constituting the impeller, prevents air flow from peeling on the negative pressure surface of the blade and reduces the occurrence of a trailing vortex on the trailing edge side of the blade (refer to ~~patent document 1~~ Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-141494).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 32 and ending on Page 2, line 10 as follows:

However, in the case of the technique disclosed in the ~~patent document 1~~ Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-141494 mentioned above, since the side edge of each of the blades is formed in a saw-tooth shape, the trailing vortex produced on the trailing edge of each of the blades is excessively segmented into a plurality of unstable vortexes. Accordingly, these segmented vortexes interfere with adjacent vortexes, and cases occur where significant reductions in the level of aerodynamic noise can not be obtained. Further, processes for forming the side edge of the blade in a saw-tooth shape are far from simple, and another problem that arises is that it is hard to form a side edge of a blade in a saw-tooth shape in cases where the blade is small.

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Please delete lines 11-12 in their entirety.